

**TIPPECANOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
*April 16, 2007*

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners met on Monday, April 16, 2007 at 10:00 a. m. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Commissioners present were: President KD Benson, Vice President John L. Knochel, and Member Ruth E. Shedd. Also present were: Auditor Jennifer Weston, Commissioners' Assistant Frank Cederquist, County Attorney Dave Luhman, and Secretary Jennifer Prange.

President Benson called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES***

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve minutes from the April 2, 2007 meeting, second by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

***ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS***

Commissioner's Assistant Frank Cederquist recommended approval for accounts payable vouchers for April 5, 6, 13 and 16 as presented.

- Commissioner Shedd moved to approve accounts payable vouchers as submitted, second by Commissioner Knochel; motion carried.

***HIGHWAY***

**Bid Opening to Furnish and Apply 42% Liquid Calcium Chloride**

Attorney Luhman opened the bid for calcium chloride for the Highway Department. Central Paving Inc. presented a bid for \$.76 per gallon for 250,000 gallons or less. Attorney Luhman suggested this bid be taken under advisement.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to take the bid for Liquid Calcium Chloride under advisement, second by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

Commissioner Benson mentioned that several citizen complaints have been received for CR 750 N. Assistant Highway Director Mike Spencer noted that currently Benton County has a construction project near 750 N and most traffic bypassing the construction is utilizing the road. Highway Supervisor Joe Buntin noted that his crew is on site daily with graders and haulers in an attempt to make the road conditions safe for drivers. He added that the county has distributed approximately 2,000 ton of stone to date on the ½ mile road. Supervisor Buntin added that his crew has also added ground concrete in an effort to make the road accessible. Commissioner Benson requested that the Highway staff travel the road and make a recommendation to the commissioners at the next meeting.

***YOUTH SERVICES UPDATE – Rebecca Humphrey***

Director Rebecca Humphrey is currently visiting potential sites for the juvenile detention center. She added that she has visited numerous juvenile detention centers across the state in an effort to determine the needs for our center. Currently, she is focusing on re-entry programs, service

assessments through juvenile probation for youth and collaboration with Cary Home Director Jason Kniola on determining the role of Cary Home as the juvenile detention center progresses. She noted that the evidence based substance abuse program through Court Services will begin on June 11, 2007. She also presented statistics regarding youth service providers in Tippecanoe County.

***RESOLUTION 2007-10-CM – Sell of Real Estate to Abutting Landowner***

*Resolution 2007-10-CM will appear in its entirety in the Ordinance and Resolution Book in the County Auditor's Office.*

Attorney Dave Luhman presented information regarding Resolution 2007-10-CM, Determining to Sell Real Property to Abutting Landowner. Attorney Luhman noted that the sale had been published and no other offers were made to the county. He added that the property will be sold to Norfolk Southern for \$5,000. The resolution will give the president authority to execute a deed as well as any other closing documents.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve Resolution 2007-10-CM, second by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

***ORDINANCE 2007-18-CM – Establishing Charges for Returned Checks***

*Ordinance 2007-18-CM will appear in its entirety in the Ordinance and Resolution Book in the County Auditor's Office.*

Attorney Luhman presented the information regarding Ordinance 2007-18-CM. This ordinance establishes returned check charges for all departments within county government. He noted that the ordinance authorizes a service charge of \$27.50 for all returned checks, debit, credit card and ACH transactions.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve Ordinance 2007-18-CM, second by Commissioner Shedd.

Auditor Weston recorded the vote:

Benson – Yes  
Knochel – Yes  
Shedd – Yes

Ordinance 2007-18-CM passes 3-0 on first reading.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to suspend the rules and hear Ordinance 2007-18-CM on second reading, second by Commissioner Shedd; motion approved.
- Commissioner Knochel moved to hear Ordinance 2007-18-CM on second reading, second by Commissioner Shedd.

Auditor Weston recorded the vote:

Benson – Yes

Knochel – Yes  
Shedd – Yes

Ordinance 2007-18-CM passes on second reading.

### ***BUILDING COMMISSION – Ken Brown***

#### **Unsafe Structure**

Inspector Ken Brown spoke on behalf of Ron Highland. He noted that a court hearing was held on April 3, 2007, to determine the fate of the unsafe structure owned by Pat Richard. Mr. Richard was ordered to leave the structure intact for 90 days. The judge ordered the owner to provide proof of insurance and then demolish the structure at the end of 90 days. Commissioner Benson noted that previously the commissioners agreed to impose a fine on Mr. Richard to encourage him to resolve the situation in a timely manner.

- Commissioner Knochel moved to suspend the fine imposed by the county, second by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

### ***APPLICATION TO VILLA***

- Commissioner Knochel moved to approve the application for the Villa for Robin J. Huddleston, second by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

### ***UNFINISHED/NEW BUSINESS***

Attorney Luhman noted the contract previously accepted by the commissioners from GnA Assessment Professionals has been approved by the Department of Local Government and Finance (DLFG). He added that the county assessor had requested changes to the contract after the contract had been submitted to DLGF. Commissioner Knochel mentioned that the county assessor should present her changes before the commissioners and the public in an open meeting. He suggested the commissioners sign the contract so the assessors can begin trending.

Commissioner Knochel stated that there has been a delay in payment of claims for GnA for appellate services from the county assessor. He noted that GnA has performed the duties as stated under the contract and therefore should be paid in a timely manner.

Commissioner's Assistant Frank Cederquist stated that the assessors have requested professional and legal services for state appeals. In the past, Appraisal Research provided support at an additional cost to the county. Commissioner Benson suggested draft contracts be presented at the next commissioner's meeting.

### ***REPORTS ON FILE***

Mail & Duplicating  
Wabash River Commission  
Tippecanoe County Library

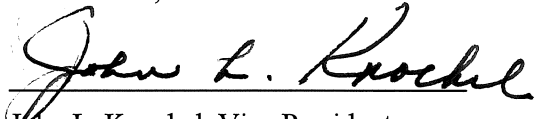
**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jennifer McGarvey came before the commissioners representing Ivy Tech Community Activity Committee and Tippecanoe Child Abuse Council. She invited the commissioners and the general public to attend the Tippecanoe Latino Festival on Saturday April 28, 2007 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Ivy Tech College. This festival is an opportunity for the community to experience the Latino and Hispanic community and enjoy food, games and activities for the whole family.


- Commissioner Knochel moved for adjournment.

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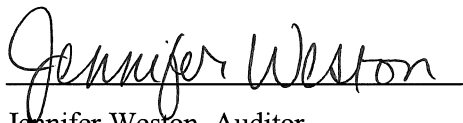
KD Benson, President



John L. Knochel, Vice President



Ruth E. Shedd, Member

**ATTEST:**

Jennifer Weston, Auditor